TO: Chief School Administrators/School Bus Contractors

FROM: Robert J. Cicchino, Director

Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance

SUBJECT: Criminal History Review Unit – Online Access to Education Approval

Dates and Process Control Numbers (PCN)

IMPORTANT UPDATE INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY FINGERPRINTING PROCEDURES – PLEASE INFORM STAFF PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCESSING THE BACKGROUND CHECKS OF THE UPDATED CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURES.

Effective December 24, 2007, educational facilities, authorized school bus contractors, employees and applicants may access approval and PCN information on the department Website at http://www.nj.gov/education/educators/crimhist/. When on the Website, click on "Criminal History Record Check Status." Enter the social security number and if approved, the screen will display the name, approval date, PCN, county, district/contractor, and school codes and job position on each approval for that individual. If the criminal history background check is older than five years, is not complete, or if there is an issue with the record check, a message will be displayed "Status information is not available. Please contact the Criminal History Review Unit at 609-292-0507."

Additional updates will be sent as the program continues to develop. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Criminal History Review Unit at 609-292-0507.

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